

PARENTS' DAY

10:00 - noon	Classroom visitation
noon	Assembly in gymnasium
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch in Mess Hall
2:00 - 3:00	Parade
9:00-midnight	Formal Dance



Augusta Military Academy

BAYONET



SOCCER			
AMA	0	Montevideo	1
AMA	9	RUCS	1
AMA	7	Fishburne	2
AMA	0	Holy Cross	8
AMA	5	Hargrave	1
AMA	0	EMHS	6

FOOTBALL

AMA	12	North Cross	13
AMA	29	Fishburne	13
AMA	37	Rock Hill	8

CROSS COUNTRY

AMA	19.5	North Cross	16.5
AMA	41	Fishburne	24
AMA	46	EMHS	16
AMA	42	North Cross	18

RIFLERY

AMA	1116	FUMS 1098	MA 870
AMA	1113	Fishburne	1213
AMA	1121	Randolph Macon	1165

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Non Profit Reality

by C. Blackwelder

As of September 29, 1977, Augusta Military Academy is now a non-profit organization. This occurrence was the result of four years of hard and vigorous work, but it was worth it.

Being a non-profit organization is a great advantage to AMA. Now, parents, alumni and friends can give tax free donations directly to the Academy. The Alumni Association has been non-profit since its founding and continues to be so to help the Academy.

A non-profit organization doesn't have to pay a 4% sales tax either. It also has a Board of Trustees. AMA trustees have six members and include: Mrs. Linda R. Livick, Ft. Defiance; Mr. Hugh B. Sproul, Jr., and alumnus from Staunton; Mr. Colin J. S. Thomas, Jr., Staunton; Mr. Dwight Miller, Harrisonburg; Mr. Richard G. Duncan, Richmond; and Mr. Ernest E. Grimsley, Portsmouth, Virginia. The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was October 25th at Augusta Military Academy.



Col. Dekle Resigns

Augusta Military Academy has lost one of its most cherished faculty members. Colonel John H. Dekle, Jr., Commandant of Augusta, left Friday, September 30, to accept a job with the Virginia Employment Office in Staunton. Since his arrival at AMA in March of 1964, Colonel Dekle has acted as Commandant, music and history teacher, summer school superintendent, and many other various positions.

Interesting and exciting were the words used by Colonel Dekle to sum up his stay at AMA, "I've seen changes in the attitude of Cadets, the uniform, enrollment, and town leave. It used to be that school ran from Tuesday through Saturday with town leave on Monday." When asked what changes he'd most like to see at AMA, Colonel Dekle mentioned cadet and alumni enrollment, for purposes of improvements, remodeling rooms, and a new academic building. "But most of all, I'd like to see the school continue. I feel that there is a real place for a military school in our society. I've learned from cadets that growing up can be difficult and a time when a young student needs help and also that working with young people keeps me young."

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'd like to say that I think this year's new cadets are the best ones we've had in a long time. Most people will say that this is true because they have better teachers/officers than before. If this is true, which I feel it is, then why did the worse teachers/officers of years before get more privileges than those of today. The Company Commanders were evacuated out of the towers without even a chance to voice an opinion. The First Captains table was also abolished along with door covers!

According to several faculty members, the officers have done an excellent job so far as new cadets are concerned. But what doesn't make sense to me is why the officers seem to be getting the wrong end of the stick for the mistakes of officers of previous years. Is there an answer to this concept that the officers are guilty before they prove their innocence?

Sincerely,
 John Guillott



Sound Check

by P. Karch

Several new albums were cut during summer vacation, and I would like to comment on a few of these.

Rose Royce: In Full Bloom

Performance: Good

Recording: Fair

This album by Rose Royce is good up to a certain point. The first song, "Wishing on a Star", is very popular and it is constantly heard around barracks. But it seems that the rest of the songs don't live up to the quality of the first. If you could buy the first song only, great; but to spend \$5.98 on this album would be a rip-off.

Steve Miller: Book of Dreams

Performance: nothing extravagant

Recording: good special effects

"Book of Dreams" doesn't quite live up to "Fly Like an Eagle", but the format is somewhat alike. The songs from this album have made it

big, "Jet Airliner", "Jungle Love", and "Wintertime". The guitar riffs are somewhat similar to the older Steve Miller style, but the lyrics are somewhat childish. You'll definitely enjoy this album if you liked "Fly Like an Eagle".

Emerson, Lake, and Palmer:

Works—Vol. 1

Performance: incredible

Recording: excellent

This is the first studio album for ELP in a long time. It is a double album in which the first three sides are devoted to each musician's personally written songs. They are performed with little help from the other two members of the group. What makes this album special is that there are 70 musicians accompanying Keith Emerson, Greg Lake, and Carl Palmer. Whether you are into classical, progressive, or popular music you should enjoy this album.

Intermurals: Alive or Dead

Intramurals at Augusta have literally died over the past couple of years. Last year there were only two events, a football game and a basketball game on Thanksgiving Day. Intramurals should be as much of AMA as drill and sports.

Scheduling the events is a major problem for cadets and faculty alike. Fridays nights would be an excellent time for basketball and volleyball. Sunday afternoons should be set aside for football, soccer, and baseball or softball. Rifery would also be an-

other excellent intramural. Skateboarding and frisbee throwing contests would also liven up intramurals. Another good idea is to have a type of "Almost Anything Goes" intramural with fun and exciting contests for cadets.

Intramurals are great fun for cadets, for raising company spirit, and breaking up the usual routine weekends at Augusta. Let's all pull together to make intramurals at AMA a success.

Three New Faces

This year AMA received three new faculty members. Major Fulton B. Kegley is from Fishburne Military School where he taught one year. Before, he taught at Staunton Military Academy before its closing two years ago. This year he's AMA's counselor and history teacher.

Lt. Robert Ratliff graduated from James Madison University last year and is now AMA's Physical Education teacher. He is also line coach for the AMA Blue Streaks football team.

Lt. Robert Satava is from Long Island, New York and is a graduate of South Hampton College. He teaches 4th and 5th grades and lives in barracks.



Lt. Satava



Lt. Ratliff



Maj. Kegley

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New Life for New Cadets

by A. Yarborough

Another school year has started and things are back to normal here at Augusta Military Academy. The officers, faculty and administration are ready to make this year the best in AMA history.

On 19 September, the new cadets arrived here at Augusta. Many an eye observed the grounds, the officers, and administrative personnel with petrified anticipation.

Augusta, like most military schools, has its own traditions when it comes to new cadets. Walking the line, receiving pushups, constantly being watched, and having to contend with superior officers are just a few of

the hassles every "peon" goes through during these first few months.

Most new cadets make it, some quit. It's rough, there's no questions. It's a dramatic change to walk always facing the front, hands pinned to your black stripes. People new to AMA are not used to being yelled at for the least little thing they do. At home there are excuses, here there are none.

Being a new cadet is a lot like life. It instills in an individual the courage, self-respect, and responsibility needed to get by the world. Sometimes it is easy, sometimes it's rough. But there's one thing for sure, new cadets learn the hard way.



Looking good

Saturday, October 15, 1977, the corps was standing at attention, prepared for inspection. Five of Lt. Steelman's drill sergeants were ready to see how we looked.

The new officers and N.C.O.'s were silently going over the inspection procedures in their heads. When the inspectors approached, the companies all were silent. The brass glittered and the shoes shined. Everything was looking good. The drill sergeants were barking out questions and listening to the nervous and jittery answers of new cadets and old cadets alike.

At the end, they complimented us by saying we looked all right for a first inspection. We need to work on our A.F.I. questions and get the rest of our uniforms. Otherwise, we passed with pride and enthusiasm. I am sure we will look even better at the next Full Formal, December 3, 1977.



Soccer on the move

by E. Iskow

"Our soccer team is really starting to move," stated Coach Rapp after their first win against the Roanoke Valley Christian School "Eagles" with a score of 8-1. "It was a cold day, but we utilized teamwork and that's all it took to beat 'em," added the team captain, "T".

The first goal was made after only five minutes of play despite the aggressive efforts made by the opponents defense. Constant shots on goal were made by Nino and Aris, which proved to be good strategy. Roanoke played a tough game and AMA came home with a well deserved win.

The game against Fishburne started off with a fantastic save by goalie Gustavo Arroyo after a direct kick just outside of the box. Four assists were made by Aris, goals were scored by Nino and Karch. AMA came out with her second soccer victory 7-2.

Following games included a loss of 8-0 against Holy Cross, victories against Hargrave, 5-1 and Lynchburg Christian Academy, 2-0, and a loss to Eastern Mennonite, 6-0. The soccer team's league record is four wins and two losses.

Our congratulations to this club for such outstanding performance.

Thursday, September 29, AMA's initial soccer game was played commencing the soccer season at Augusta. Despite a loss of 1-0 to Montevideo, a great game was played by both offense and defense. Special recognition goes to this year's goalie, Gustavo Arroyo from New York, who is doing an outstanding job of guarding the net.

This year's star players are the team captain Eric Trivitayakhun, Enrique Nino on offense, and Billy Clay as halfback. The teams offense

is very powerful due to Nino's strong, accurate kicking, aided by "wing" Carlos Hernandez and Fernando Salavarría. The halfbacks, led by Clay, are performing commendably, while Trivitayakhun and Rolando Conde are holding down a tight defense.

The coaches, Colonel Dave Rapp and Lt. Robert Satava are very optimistic about this year's team. "From the looks of our team now, we expect to run the rest of the season undefeated," agreed the coaches.

Enrique Nino heads the ball, after a corner kick from Paul Karch, to score the 1st goal against Hargrave. AMA won 5-2. (Photo by Mangano)



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Blue Streaks Face New Season

by C. Schmitz

The football season is beginning and the Blue Streaks have another productive year ahead. Head Coach Sivert Josephson said he was optimistic about the upcoming season but would give no prediction to how his team would fare. He attributed this to a very balanced league in which the title is up for grabs. He faces a rebuilding year with only two starters coming back from last year's VIC Championship team. A new addition to this year's squad is assistant coach Robert Ratliff. He is also the physical education teacher.

The team is anchored by the two returning starters, who are this year's captains, David Stokes at fullback and Ken Traylor at center. The rest of the starting backfield consists of Tom Scott at right half-back, Ralph Veney at left half-back and Arthur Yaborough at quarterback. Two other young men whom we will also see plenty of action from will be John Guillott at one halfback and Bill Cucinotta at quarterback. The starting linemen will consist of Robbie Harris and Trent Hopkins at the guard positions, Jeff Campbell and Scott Johnson at the tackle positions, Bob Montgomery at tight-end and Tyrock Butler at split-end.



Tom Scott gains a couple of yards before being brought down by North Cross defenders. (Photo by Mangano)

by C. Schmitz

The Augusta Blue Streaks began the 77-78 season with a 13-12 loss to North Cross Academy but came back strong with an impressive 29-13 win over Waynesboro rival, Fishburne Military Academy.

In the North Cross loss, the Blue Streaks led most of the afternoon. They scored first on a four yard run by Tom Scott. The big plays in the drive that resulted in the eventual touchdown were a 30 yard run by Scott and one for 23 yards by Ralph Veney, the extra point was no good. North Cross scored next on a 1 yard run by John Doughat which capped a 57 yard scoring drive, but that lead only lasted for one possession. The Blue Streaks came back with a 64 yard drive capped by an exciting 32 yard double pass touchdown. On the play, quarterback Authur Yaborough rolled to his right, passed back to his left to William Cucinotta who threw to Scott in the end-zone. Again the extra point failed. North Cross won the game with an eighty-nine yard fourth quarter drive with Mark Cole scoring the deciding touchdown.

The Blue Streaks more than made up for themselves in the Fishburne victory. Fishburne scored first and stood tough throughout the first period as Augusta fumbled its first two possessions and was forced to punt on its next two possessions. But the Blue Streaks defense was doing the job as they were not to be scored on again until the late stages of the fourth quarter. The Blue Streaks got a break on a bad snap by the Fishburne center and they recovered the ball on the Fishburne 15. They scored in two plays with David Stokes running for 7 yards off right guard. On their next possession, the Blue Streaks received the ball on the Fishburne 33. After three unsuccessful running attempts,

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